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THEIR SIEGE OF VICKSBURG.

FROM ALBANY.

From Our Special Correspondent.

ALBANY, March 14, 1863.

PRACTICE OF THE REBEL BATTERIES—REPLY OF OUR NEWLY-MOUNTED GUNS—ANXIETY ON THE CANAL—THE FAZIO-PERRI EXPEDITION—EXPLOSION OF SIEGE GUNS AT VICKSBURG—ARRIVAL OF ADDITIONAL PAYMasters—EXERCISE IN THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT—EXTENSIVE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE SICK AND WOUNDED—LIBERAL SUPPLIES FOR THE ARMY.

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Arrived at the FRENCHIS WARD, 1000 feet above Vicksburg, 3 miles below Young's Point, Madison Parish, La., Thursday Evening, March 5, 1863.

The Rebels favored us yesterday with a number of shots, throwing shells over the peninsula and near the mouth of the canal, but doing no injury. We replied with our guns recently mounted on the fortifications on the Louisiana shore below the town—with what effect is unknown. The enemy, no doubt, was practising so as to obtain an accurate range. Since he has filled all the trees on the neck opposite the city, he has an excellent view ten or twelve miles up the river, and can consequently see all the boats which arrive or depart from our present location. He seems quite anxious as to our operations and the progress we make in them. He still keeps his vigilant sentinels in the cupolas of the Court-House, and continues to stand up flag of truce on every possible pretext. Whether he obtains any valuable information or not I am ignorant; but if he fails to do so, it is not from lack of persevering effort on his part.

The work on the canal is progressing more rapidly at present than it has been for weeks, and the creek begins to assume very considerable proportions. As many as six or eight, perhaps ten thousand men, must have been engaged in the labor yesterday, and appearances indicate that we shall, ere many days, have some positive results for this tedious enterprise. The dredging-machine still renders its aid, and is performing effective service in digging under the water.

Concerning our garrisons in the Yazoo, we have no fresher intelligence than I have already given. That they have gone through the Pass into the river there seems to be no question; but we have no idea what they have done since their entrance into the stream. Most of our iron-clads are at the mouth of the Yazoo; but the expected engagement at Bainbridge's Bluff has not occurred. Admiral Porter has been up to the mouth with his flag-ship, the *USS Monitor*, several times, and is hourly looking for the iron-clad to evict it in the "river of death." He is very active, and entirely sanguine of our early success before Vicksburg.

The loss of the Queen of the West and Indiana, the Admiral says, can so be repaired, and he adds that, although the iron-clad was mortifying, it will be of little advantage to the enemy. He attributes the mishaps that befell the ram and gunboat to disobedience of orders, which were kept together, to run no unnecessary risk, to attempt nothing beyond the capture of hostile transports, and to cut off the receipt of supplies from Red River.

The Rebels, it is truly stated, have burst several of their large sieges lately; three of them having escaped from the heavy firing upon the Queen when she ran the blockade. The Confederates boast of having a number of English cannon of very superior manufacture, and I have no reason to doubt the statement, as the various foreign vessels that have stolen into the Southern ports could very easily have conveyed all kinds of arms to the insurgents.

The guns made in Memphis, New Orleans, and other cities in Secession, are of poor metal, and very few to burst after being discharged a few times. They did so at Island No. 10 and Fort Pillow, and at the forts along the South-Eastern sea coast.

A large number of additional paymasters arrived here this morning, bringing with them the funds that Gen. Harriet had ordered them to leave at Memphis when he heard of the loss of the Queen and Indiana, fearing the men and the money would be captured by guerrillas on the way down the river. The Army of Tennessee will now be paid off as speedily as possible to the 31st of October. The various majors and captains are as busy as they can be, examining rolls and giving out treasury notes to the needy officers and soldiers.

THE SUPPLY BILL.

This bill was reported to-day, pro forma, and to save the limitation as to time, and was referred back to the Committee to be perfected.

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ARBITRARY ARRESTS.

This subject was again up last evening as a special order, and was discussed in the usual tiresome manner. Fortunately we have got about to the end of it, as a resolution was adopted to take a vote on the resolutions of Friday next without debate.

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THE REGISTRY OF LICENSES.

The following is the bill to create the new bureau in the Controller's office in the City of New York, to be established on the 1st day of January, 1863, for the registration of persons, and for the collection of fees, for the same, and for the payment of compensation to the controller of said bureau.

AN ACT RELATING TO LICENSES IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Section 1. There shall be a bureau in the Finance Department of the Corporation of the City of New York, to be called the Bureau of Registration of Persons, and for the collection of fees, for the same, and for the payment of compensation to the controller of said bureau.

Section 2. The controller of said bureau shall be appointed by the Mayor, and shall be removable by the same.

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